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Mr. Michael Pell  
Reuters News  
3 Times Square  
New York, NY 10036

Dear Mr. Pell,

Subj: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA); CASE NUMBER  
DON-NAVY-2017-010262

We are providing the final release to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of September 1, 2017, where you requested "... results of all water testing for perfluorochemicals conducted by or on behalf of the Department of the Navy or any branch of the armed forces for the last 10 years. We would like all results of tests conducted on drinking water systems operated by the Navy or its contractors both in the United States and overseas. We would prefer receiving this information in the structured data format that the Navy retains the data in. We would like the results to include all findings regarding perfluorochemicals. We would like all ground water, private well, surface water and other water sources tests conducted by or on behalf of the Navy for perfluorochemicals."

We have set up a Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) PFAS Reading Room where all the records are now located. The Reading Room link is as follows:

[https://www.navfac.navy.mil/products\\_and\\_services/ev/products\\_and\\_services/env\\_restoration/pfas\\_reading\\_room.html](https://www.navfac.navy.mil/products_and_services/ev/products_and_services/env_restoration/pfas_reading_room.html)

Portions of the records are being withheld under Exemption 6, which protects information that, if disclosed, would invade another individual's personal privacy. (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)). Your fee waiver was granted for this case only; future requests will be determined if fees are deemed applicable.

If you consider this response an adverse determination, you may appeal. Since you have created an account in FOIAonline, you may submit an appeal directly within this web-based system. To do this, you would log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. The basic information from your request will be duplicated for you, and then you can type in the basis of your appeal. If you prefer to use regular mail, you may submit an appeal to:

The Department of the Navy  
Office of the General Counsel (ATTN: FOIA APPEALS)  
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532  
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at [christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:christopher.a.julka@navy.mil) or (703) 697-0031. Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-01, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Further questions regarding the action this office has taken may be directed to Abby Machalec, [abby.machalec@navy.mil](mailto:abby.machalec@navy.mil). Please refer to your FOIA case number DON-NAVY-2019-001346 whenever corresponding about this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. A. Pollock", with a stylized flourish at the end.

P. A. POLLOCK  
Chief Management Officer

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